

Sinclair should not be allowed to air the anti-Kerry propaganda under its FCC broadcasting license which provides for rules of fairness. This is the equivalent of allowing NBC to air Moore's anti-Bush documentary a day before the election. There is a large difference between people paying to see a movie or a pay per view and a broadcaster forcing local affiliates to pre-empt local programming to clearly influence a national election. Clearly, this will not be allowed under any circumstance if the FCC is to act as a non-partisan regulator in this matter.

The FCC has been vigorous lately in pursuing Janet Jackson and Howard Stern for violations. It should be equally vigilant in ensuring that this network does not circumvent its public charter by broadcasting a blatantly partisan documentary days before a critically close election.